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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN MINISTER
VAJPAYEE

1. TO FOLLOW UP ON MY PROMISE TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER
ON DISCUSSIONS OF ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES IN RIYADH AND
ASWAN, PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTER:

A. PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS IN RIYADH AND ASWAN WERE EXTREMELY
CORDIAL AND WE BELIEVE WERE USEFUL IN ADVANCING THE PEACE
PROCESS. TALKS WERE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO REVIEWING HOW
SAUDIS, EGYPTIANS AND U.S. ENVISAGE COURSE OF MIDDLE EAST
PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN PERIOD AHEAD, WITH PARTICULAR EM-
PHASIS ON NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL RESUME AT THE FOREIGN
MINISTER LEVEL IN JERUSALEM JANUARY 16. SAUDI LEADERS

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AND PRESIDENT SADAT STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONCENTRATING
EFFORTS ON FINDING A FRAMEWORK FOR SOLUTION OF THE PALES-
TINIAN PROBLEM BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINA-
TION. THEY MADE CLEAR THAT OBJECTIVE OF NEGOTIATIONS MUST
BE FULL PEACE WHICH WILL RESOLVE THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE ON
ALL FRONTS AND WILL DEAL WITH THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IN ALL
ITS ASPECTS.

B. PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED U.S. SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND OUR DEDICATION TO GOAL OF A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE. PRESIDENT SAID THAT WE PLAN TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN JERUSALEM NEGOTIATIONS AND MADE CLEAR THAT WE WILL DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO HELP ASSURE THEIR SUCCESS. WE EXPECT THAT MAJOR ISSUES AT JERUSALEM WILL BE (1) DECLARATION OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT AND (2) DISCUSSION OF PROCESS FOR RESOLVING PROBLEM OF THE FUTURE OF WEST BANK AND GAZA. WE ARE OF COURSE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE EGYPTIANS AND THE ISRAELIS ON THIS. IT IS OUR HOPE, AND THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PARTIES AND OF OURSELVES, THAT PROGRESS IN JERUSALEM, AND IN THE CAIRO DEFENSE MINISTERS' MEETINGS, WILL LEAD TO BROADENED NEGOTIATIONS, IN WHICH JORDAN, PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES AND SYRIA WILL PARTICIPATE, AND TO A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.

C. WE WOULD REITERATE IMPORTANCE OF INDIA'S SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT SADAT AND FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN BY EGYPT AND ISRAEL. WE NOW HAVE BEFORE US THE BEST PROSPECT FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN MANY YEARS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US THAT ANOTHER ARAB-ISRAELI WAR BE AVOIDED AND THAT PEACE FINALLY BE BROUGHT TO THE MIDDLE EAST. AS YOU KNOW, U.S. IS DETERMINED TO DO ALL IN ITS POWER
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TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS AND EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WITH GOI ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT SECRETARY WILL ARRIVE IN JERUSALEM JANUARY 15 FOR OPENING OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE TALKS NEXT DAY. HE WILL HIMSELF PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY FOR SEVERAL DAYS, AND A SENIOR AMERICAN DELEGATION HEADED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON WILL REMAIN IN JERUSALEM WHEN SECRETARY RETURNS TO WASHINGTON.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO REPEAT THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO INDIA WAS ONE OF THE HIGH POINTS OF THE TRIP. SECRETARY FOUND HIS MEETINGS AND TALKS BOTH VERY PLEASANT AND EXTREMELY USEFUL. HE IS MORE THAN EVER PERSUADED THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE BOUND NOT ONLY BY COMMON INTERESTS BUT BY DEEPLY SHARED VALUES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER. VANCE

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